

ODD-FELLOWS.

SUNDAY'S SESSION OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE.

Headquarters Located at Columbus, Ohio—Other Masters of Interest to the Order.

(By telegram to the Dispatch.)

BOSTON, September 24.—The Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd-Fellows continued its session at 9 o'clock this morning.—Grand-Sire Vice in the chair. Jurisdictions were called for new business.

The Committee on the State of the Order reported that it would be inexpedient to establish a home for orphans of Odd-Fellows under the care of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. The report was adopted.

The Judiciary Committee approved of the decision of the grand are that lodges under immediate jurisdiction must meet once a week, and this rule holds good in all cases where a different rule has not been prescribed by the State Grand Lodge.

The special order for locating the headquarters of the Sovereign Grand Lodge was taken up, and Columbus, O., was selected on the sixth ballot.

The following resolution from the Committee on Appeals was adopted:

Resolved, That in all appeals to this Grand Lodge it shall be required of the appellants to send with their papers a certified copy of the constitution and by-laws of their grand bodies, of the constitutions of subordinate bodies, and of the by-laws of the subordinate lodges or encampments involved in the appeal.

The special committee on the death of Past-Grand-Sire Glenn made a lengthy report which was adopted, and a copy of which was ordered to be presented to the family of the deceased.

Past-Grand-Sire Stokes offered a resolution that a committee of three be appointed, to act in conjunction with the grand officers, to settle all matters pertaining to the removal of the headquarters of the grand lodge, and the sale of its property, and that until such masters shall be settled the headquarters shall remain in Baltimore. This was referred to the Committee on Removal.

The grand lodge then went into secret session, after which it adjourned.

CHAMBERS OF THE CONFEDERATE.

BOSTON AND THE KNIGHTS TEMPLE.

(By telegram to the Dispatch.)

CHICAGO, September 24.—So far as public business is concerned the programme for the twenty-third annual convalescences of the Knights Templars was finished yesterday. The closing receptions were held last night, the most notable being that of the Knights-Grade Commandery of San Francisco. This morning the various headquarters are being stripped of their decorations, and every departing train is crowded with departing Knights and their friends. Thousands have already gone, but other thousands still remain. These thousands spent the day in viewing the sights of the city and enjoying steamboat excursions on the river. To-night the local commanders and those remaining of the visitors will hold receptions. Some of particular special importance are on the list. A few minor street-parades will be given, and the city will be illuminated.

The Knights' Temple Grand Encampment was also in session this morning. At the beginning of the session the Most Eminent Grand Master made the following announcements: Sir Knight Rev. J. G. Webster, of New York; Very Eminent Grand Prelate; Sir Knight John K. Parson, of Missouri; Very Eminent Grand Standard-Bearer; Sir Knight Nicholas Van Stolk, of Rhode Island; Very Eminent Grand Sword-Bearer; Sir Knight Nicholas P. Buckley, of Indiana; Very Eminent Grand Warrior; Sir Knight E. F. Walker, of Nebraska; Very Eminent Grand Captain of Guard.

The installation of officers and the reports of the Committee on the time and place for holding the next Grand Encampment were postponed.

The report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals was discussed, but definite action deferred.

The report of the ritual was taken up, and was still under discussion at 2:30 P. M., when a recess was taken until 5 o'clock.

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Nashville. Business is active and the manufacturers hopeful.

SIXTY-SIX DEATHS IN TEXAS.

The Town of Galveston Under Water and Devastated by the Hurricane.

(By telegram to the Dispatch.)

GALVESTON, September 24.—Unusually heavy rains have fallen in this section since Tuesday night, but no disastrous results are apprehended, as little damage has occurred. Further down the Gulf coast, however, a heavy storm seems to be raging, as indicated by the following telegram to the *News*, received here last night:

Victoria, Tex., September 23.— Telegrams from Indianapolis are to the effect that a heavy storm is raging there. The wind is reported to be blowing at the rate of fifty miles an hour. The streets are fast under water. Efforts are being made to remove the few inhabitants still there to higher grounds as they were now as ever they were; a great deal safer, I should say, because the earth there is more solidified, more settled, and firmer by reason of the recent quake, and now there is no much less chance of another like catastrophe.

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"He is entitled to any name besides that of crank," said an eminent scientist last night. "It is a astrologer. His ways are the ways of the astrologers of the dark ages; but he has not wit or learning enough to be classified even as an astrologer. He is the person who four or five years ago gained a good deal of notoriety by prophesying that wonderful and disastrous storms, cyclones, tidal-waves, and earthquakes would result from the impending conjunction of Saturn, Jupiter, Mars, and Venus, the leading planets. He has also challenged the attention of the public at several other times by making other prophecies, all of which failed of fulfillment. I carefully read some of his former predictions, but found them a lot of rubbish. I don't think he deserves to argument or statement of reasons. If he did I think the newspapers would let him alone. They would see what nonsense the whole thing is, and I don't think they would continue to bring Wiggin before the American public by publishing his idiosyncrasies.

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Second race—one and one eighth miles—Frank Ward won; Argentine second, Ad. D. third. Time, 1:25.

Third race—one and one quarter miles—Blue Wing won; Gonfalon second, Favor third. Time, 2:10.

Fourth race—for all ages, one mile—Gleamer won; Penobles second, Magpie third. Time, 1:42.

Fifth race—one and one sixteenth miles—Baron won; Santa Claus second, Bea third. Time, 1:50.

Sixth race—for all ages, one and one eighth miles—Brooklyn won; Pilot second, Lure third. Time, 1:50.

DESTRUCTIVE STORM IN ILLINOIS.

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CHICAGO, September 24.—A special from Des Moines, Ind., says: The storm of Wednesday was repeated yesterday throughout this county. Reports are coming in showing the extent of the damage done. Some of the most valuable timber lands are totally denuded. Many of the finest orchards are ruined, and large quantities of stock are killed or maimed, and much iron is leveled to the ground. In this city much damage was done by the shooting of buildings. Never in the history of this city were citizens so frightened as when the green color of the storm-cloud arose in the northwest. No less of life is reported. It is estimated that the damage in the county is \$50,000.

DEATH OF A LIFE-SAVING STOCK.

(By telegram to the Dispatch.)

WASHINGTON, September 24.—A test of the Cunningham life-line basket, for throwing lines to vessels in distress, was made this afternoon at the Arsenal ramp in the presence of General Gibson, Major Bambrough, Superintendent Lambill, of the Life-Saving Service; Superintendent Patten, of the Bureau of Navigation, and other interested officials. A No. 5 line, which is the largest used in the Life-Saving Service, was carried with precision to a distance of 500 yards, and a lighter No. 4 line to a distance of 1,050 yards. The greatest distance to which a No. 4 line has ever been thrown by the life-line gun now in use in the Life-Saving Service is said to be 650 yards.

DEATHS FROM CYCLONE AND FOUR HUNDRED LOST.

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ST. JOHN'S, N. F., September 24.—A disaster occurred in the bay of St. John's this morning, the British steamer Summerset colliding with the schooner Mary Ann and cutting her in two. There were twenty-seven persons on board the ill-fated craft, four of whom were drowned. The others saved themselves by clinging to the main rail of the Summerset, or were picked out of the water by her crew. The Mary Ann sank within two minutes after the collision. Two passengers were lost, one of them a lady.

CONTINUOUS OFFENSES ARRESTED FOR INDIVIDUALS.

(By telegram to the Dispatch.)

CINCINNATI, September 24.—Charles Poll, member of the late Board of Public Works, and Charles T. Blackburn, his clerk, were arrested this noon upon the charge of embezzling \$15,000 of the city's funds. Major James Morgan, who was a member of the former Board of Public Works, has also been arrested upon a similar charge. George F. Seiter, assistant clerk of the old Board, has been arrested upon another warrant for a similar offense. The amounts vary in the different cases, but the highest aggregate is over \$10,000.

DETROIT'S ENDLESS RACE.

(By telegram to the Dispatch.)

PARIS, Sept. 24.—A serious riot occurred at Edger station, on the Chicago, Vincennes, and Cairo railroad yesterday between section-men and citizens. The railroad company had removed the section-bars and put in a new rail. The rail hands retaliated, and when the new overseer and his men went to work a fight ensued. Citizens joined in, and four men were wounded, two of whom are fatally hurt. More fighting is feared.

EDWARD TEEPEE.

(By telegram to the Dispatch.)

MARSHFIELD, Tex., September 24.—George M. Taylor, city marshal of Long View, was killed at the Capitol this morning in a difficulty with L. L. and W. F. Teague, Taylor and son, citizens of Gregg County. The difficulty grew out of the fact that Taylor while attempting to arrest Jeff Teague at Long View three months ago shot him dead.

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PARIS, Sept. 24.—A dispatch from Winfield, Ia., asserts that five distinct shocks of earthquake took place at that place about 11 o'clock last night. The special damage was but considerable alarm was felt.

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